the road based existing infrastructure is optimally utilised by phasing out slow moving vehicles and replacing them with environment friendly non-pollutant faster modes of transport.

Identification of Express Highways in the Country

6844. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the past to identify Express Highways in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the criteria applied for identification of the Express Highways;

(c) which are the highways identified to be Express Highways in the country;

(d) what is the total length of each of these highways and also the estimated cost of each Express Highway;

(e) the number of people who are being benefited by each of these Express Highways; and

(f) by when each of these Highways is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Based on density of traffic and techno-economic considerations, about 10,020 km of high density routes have been identified under the ADB financed study for development as Expressways in the country for a time horizon upto year 2015. Of these, the Expressway routes as per following details have been identified as priority routes by the year 2000:

S. No	Routes	Length (km)	Rough Cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Delhi-Karnal-Ambala	199	1000
2	Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Surat	269	2150
3	Delhi-Ghaziabad-Kanpur	414	2500
4.	Kanpur-Varanasi	313	2000
5	Bombay-Thane-Nasik	145	870

The country as a whole would be benefited with these Expressways. It is too early to indicate the time frame by which these Expressways are likely to be completed except the Ahmedabad Vadodara Expressway for which the target date of completion is June, 1996.

Increasing the Number of DTC Buses

6845. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Red-line and DTC buses playing on the roads and the number of commuters who travelled in these buses during the period 1992-1993;

(b) the reasons for reducing the number of DTC buses on the road; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to increase the number of DTC buses in comparision to Red-line buses in the Delhi State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the year 1992-93, 3665 DTC buses were on road which carried 37.49 lakhs passengers daily. Approximately 2410 Red line buses were playing in Delhi during the period 1992-93. However, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have informed that no information regarding the number of commuters travelling in